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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 27 AUGUST 1993

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UTM: Lat/Long: Country: Military Region: Mission Province: (formerly): Mission District: Mission Date: Mission Category: Local Analysis:	QUANG BINH LE THUY 27 Feb 1968 1405L 3 Jnknown location JTF-FA ACTIVITY SU 93, May 92, Aug 87, Nov 8 91 on Obtained: Apr 90 PANCY	
	VEHICLE DATA	
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Site Type:	CRASH SITE			
UTM:	48QXE787058			
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Vehicle Type: RF4C Crash Type: None Call Sign: SUMO Year: 66	Engine Type: J7915
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Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED Date Status assigned: 26 Jul 1979

BAME Name:

Nationality Service

Grade SSAN Serial No Birth date

Home State

Religion

DATA

PW Camp

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Site Type:

CRASH SITE 48QXE787058

UTM: Lat/Long:

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Mission Province:

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LE THUY

Mission Date:

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Mission Category:

Local Analysis:

Unknown location.

Folders Passed: Jul 93, May 92, Aug 87, Nov 86

Investigations: Jan 91, Aug 93

Surveys: Jan 91, Aug 93

Additional Information Obtained: Apr 90

Vessey Case: NO

DISCREPANCY Case type: Survivability: (3) Unknown

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	INCI	DENT LOCATION (0)		
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5 October 1993

ON 26 AND 27 AUG 93, IE1 TRAVELLED TO SON THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1063. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES. TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION ON AN AIRCRAFT CRASH PROBABLY RELATED TO THIS CASE. THE OTHER TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION RELATED TO ANOTHER CASE. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE SITE DESCRIBED BY THE FIRST TWO WITNESSES. NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR A CRASH SITE WAS DISCOVERED. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE COORDINATES REFLECTED AS THE INCIDENT LOCATION HELD IN U.S. RECORDS. NO EVIDENCE WAS DISCOVERED. (REF 7)

15 November 1993

DURING THE 13TH JFA, THE TEAM SURVEYED A CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATE XE787058. THE TEAM OBSERVED PARTS FROM AN F-4 CRASH SITE. (REF 8)



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CASE 1063. DATA

NARRATIVE

ON 27 FEBRUARY 1968, MAJOR GILBERT S. PALMER, JUNIOR, AND WERE FLYING AN RF-4C RECONNAISSANCE WERE FLYING AN RF-4C RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 66-0431, ON A SOLO MISSION. DURING THEIR LAST RADIO CONTACT, THE CREW MEMBERS WERE GIVEN CLEARANCE TO PHOTOGRAPH AN AREA, RUNNING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST THROUGH THE 17TH PARALLEL, APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF KHE SANH, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. WHEN THE CREW MEMBERS FAILED TO RETURN AS SCHEDULED, SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS WERE INITIATED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

IN APRIL 1990, LE NINH DISTRICT OFFICIALS SHOWED A JOINT TEAM
A FOUR PAGE DOCUMENT, ENTITLED "TRADITION RECORD OF THE ARMED
FORCES OF LE NINH DISTRICT". THE DOCUMENT CONTAINED AN ENTRY WHICH
REPORTED THAT ON MARCH 3, 1968 THE LIEN THUY VILLAGE GUERRILLA
MILITIA SHOT DOWN AN F-4H. THIS ENTRY MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE
1063 BASED ON LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND GENERAL TIME FRAME.

IN JANUARY 1991, A JOINT TEAM VISITED SON THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, AND INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO REPORTED THAT A JET TYPE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XE787058 SOMETIME DURING FEBRUARY 1968. ONE WITNESS REPORTED THAT A LOCAL VILLAGER WAS KILLED WHEN HE ENTERED THE CRASH SITE AREA AND AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED. THE WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH CORRELATES TO CASE 1063.

IN JANUARY 1992, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT RELEASED A

DOCUMENT TITLED "MILITARY REGION IV AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS JOURNAL
FROM. 1964+1973 — REFERENCE MATERIAL:" DOCUMENT ENTRY #1056
INDICATES AN F-4B WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE LIEN THUY MILITIA FORCES ON
6 MARCH 1968. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT THE LE NINH STATE FARM AND
BOTH CREW MEMBERS DIED IN THE INCIDENT. THIS ENTRY CORRELATES WITH
CASE 1063 BASED ON LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE, GENERAL TIME FRAME AND
NUMBER OF CREW MEMBERS. THERE IS A DISPARITY IN THE REPORTED DATE
OF INCIDENT, 6 MARCH 1968, AND THE ACTUAL INCIDENT DATE, 27
FEBRUARY 1968. U.S. RECORDS INDICATE NO F-4 AIRCRAFT WERE LOST ON
6 MARCH 1968. CASE 1063 IS THE ONLY AIRCRAFT INCIDENT WHICH COULD
HAVE OCCURRED IN LIEN THUY DURING THE PERIOD MID FEBRUARY TO EARLY
MARCH 1968.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: PALMER JUNIOR, GILBERT SWAIN

RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 OCTOBER 1930

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.83 METERS

WEIGHT: 79.7 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: GREEN

NAME:

RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH:

DAT

NAME-

RACE: BLACK

HEIGHT: 1.80 METERS

WEIGHT: 91.5 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BLACK

EYES: BROWN